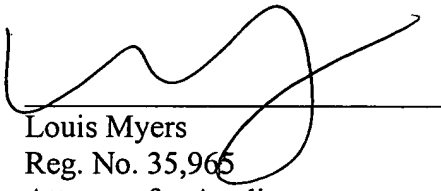


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12. (Amended) A modified nucleic acid of claim 1, wherein said parasite is malaria and said nucleic acid is a fragment of SEQ ID NO: 1 or SEQ ID NO: [9] 8 or a sequence specifically homologous thereto.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conversation with Applicant's Attorney would be helpful in expediting prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (617) 542-5070. We authorize the charging of any additional fees and crediting of any overpayment associated with this communication to our Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

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